He will have no power of registry himself but he should be the medium of communication with the Land Revenue authorities in the matter and should constantly bring pressure to bear on the latter so that the registries may be expedited. In cases of differences of opinion between the Protector and the Land Revenue Officers in regard to the registry of any paricular area, the Protector will place the matter before Government."

The Revenue Department is the proper agency for the assignment of land. The Protector has neither the staff nor the facility which the Revenue Officers can command. Besides, the Protectors's duties cover a wide field and it is thought inexpedient to burden him with additional work, particularly in the early stages.

Appointment of the Protector of the Depressed Classes.

269. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*) : With reference to the recent appointment of a Protector of the Depressed Classes, will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) what the qualifications of the officer selected for the post are, which particularly qualify him for the post ; and

(*b*) why they have combined the post with that of the Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Mr. C. O. Damodaran, B. Sc., Ag. Assistant Director of Agriculture and Fisheries, who has been selected for appointment as Protector of Depressed Classes, belongs to a backward community and has besides gained in his official capacity intimate acquintance with the needs and aspirations of the depressed classes, most of whom are agricultural labourers. This is a new appointment in the State and as such it would not be possible to secure the services of an officer who is specially qualified for the post. Government propose to give Mr. Damodaran training for six weeks each in the Madras Presidency and in the Mysore State where similar officers are employed.

(*b*) The Protector of Depressed Classes is an Assistant to the Registrar of Co-operative Societies only for administrative convenience. He will be full-time Protector. It is also felt that Co-operative Societies will be the best agency for the amelioration of the condition of the depressed classes.

Import of bad rice into the State.

270. **MR. M. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla*) : Will the Government be pleased to state the steps they have taken to prevent the import of bad rice into the State either through sea or land?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : Government have no information that bad rice is imported into this State through sea or land.

Houses destroyed by floods in Parur during 1105.

271. **MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Purur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

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